

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: )  
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Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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**37 C.F.R. §1.312 AMENDMENT FOLLOWING NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE**

A Notice of Allowance, mailed January 11, 2008, indicated that claims 1, 7, 9-21, 24 and 26-28 were allowed. Applicant acknowledges and appreciates the indication that claims 1, 7, 9-21, 24 and 26-28 are allowed.

Applicant hereby amends the claims to provide proper antecedent basis.  
Applicant also hereby amends the specification to reflect the claims as allowed.

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